

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 5, 6 and 13 were directed to allowable subject matter.

In reliance thereupon, claim 1 has been amended to be in independent form including the recitations of both claims 5 and 6.

New claim 24 is based on claim 1 plus the subject matter of allowable claim 13. New claim 25 is based on claim 1 and the subject matter of allowable 5. The withdrawn claims have been amended to address formal matters and so as to further limit amended claim 1.

The Official Action rejected the previously pending claims as indefinite.

The claims have been amended so as to comply with the §112, second paragraph definiteness requirement. Accordingly, withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

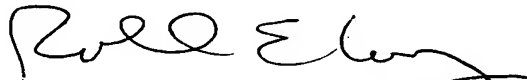
Having amended the independent claims to comprise the subject matter of at least one of allowable claims 5, 6 and 13, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

However, should there be any remaining formal matters outstanding, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted to discuss this telephonically.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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